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CANADA LIFTS EXPORTS BAN Hongkong To Receive Non-Strategic Commodities

COMMENT

Though world attention still focusses on Korea (despite the lull in the fighting on the main fronts) and on Lake Success (despite the return home of the Peking delegate, General Wu Hsiuchuan), the fact remains that Western Europe must still be regarded as the major theatre in any concept of world strategy. There, across the Iron Curtain, the forces of Soviet Russian totalitarianism and Western Democracy confront one another, and there, if anywhere, the conflict between them will be decided.

There is reason to believe that all possible is not being done in certain European countries to press forward with rearmament with the energy that the situation demands. Western Europe's rearmament has been, and still is, lagging, though it has long been obvious that the countries outside the Iron Curtain can only be defended by their own efforts.

As for Germany, the proposal that Western Germany form combat teams, each some 6,000 strong, to be integrated with the other Western defence components and to form part of the unified army with an international General Staff, has been approved by the Foreign and Defence Ministers.

On the German side the reactions have been far from helpful. For the Bonn Government, in the name of equality of status, to refuse to play its part, or what is worse, to attempt to use the occasion to wrest further concessions from the occupying powers, would be a fatal miscalculation.

Those who doubt Bonn's good faith would thereby be reinforced and the only beneficiaries would be its enemies in the East. Equality of status is necessarily a consequence not a condition, of participation in the common defence of the West. If the Western Germans intend, as it devoutly to be hoped, to join with the rest of Free Europe in revivifying Western civilisation, now is the time for them to show themselves good Europeans.

Agreement Reached With America

Ottawa, Dec. 20.

Canada has ended a temporary suspension of non-strategic exports to the British colony of Hongkong, a Government spokesman disclosed today.

The suspension of all export permits to Hongkong, Communist China and Korea was announced on December 9 after United States action to ban the shipment of civilian as well as strategic goods to Communist China and adjacent areas including Hongkong.

The spokesman said that Canada recently held discussions with the United States. Agreement was reached to honour Canadian export permits covering non-strategic commodities earmarked for Hongkong at American ports.

Fighting Flares Up In NW Korea

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

Fighting flared up along a 30-mile front in North-West Korea today, breaking the three-week lull since the Chinese Communist counter-offensive pushed the United Nations forces below the 39th Parallel.

At one point North and South Koreans fought for two hours along the Imjin River 30 miles from Seoul, the Southern capital.

Only units of a strong, reconstituted North Korean "buffer force" between the Eighth Army, covering Seoul, and the great Chinese Communist forces still deployed 70 miles to the north, took part in these clashes with South Korean and American elements.

The beleaguered American garrison, surrounded at Hungnam in the North-East, were still holding their own against persistent Communist pressure.

FULLY PREPARED

Carrier-based planes and the big guns of the Allied warships offshore again and again gave them full support.

With five days to go before Christmas, the United Nations forces in Korea were reported to be making special preparations for any Christmas Day offensive by the Communists, who, it was thought, might imitate the Japanese tactics of attacking when they thought the enemy might be off guard.

A North Korean communique claimed "the liberation of all vital cities and towns north of the 38th Parallel," but that the Communists were still "fiercely attacking enemy personnel and equipment on the east coast—presumably the Hungnam bridgehead."

The North Koreans, "fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Chinese Communist volunteers," had reached the 38th Parallel, according to a Peking Radio broadcast.—Reuter.

Suspension of export permits to the Chinese mainland is still in effect.

(The United States announced a similar relaxation of the ban to meet "essential requirements" yesterday).—Reuter.

ANOTHER U.S. STEP

Washington, Dec. 20.

The United States took another step today to keep Russia and her associated countries from obtaining war potential goods.

The Commerce Department ruled that American ships and planes must not unload at a Soviet-bloc port any goods

Must Be Case Of "Pay As We Go"

London, Dec. 20.

Britain's rearmament policy must be one of "pay as we go," Mr Hugh Gaitskell, Chancellor of the Exchequer, declared here tonight.

"We have got to rearm and rearm swiftly," he told the Institute of Exports at its Christmas dinner.

"But it must not throw away our recovery nor sacrifice the economic independence which we have just regained. Nor must we, by cutting down too far the supply of new equipment for industry, weaken the foundation of our future industrial progress."

"In tackling the economic problems of defence, therefore, our policy must be as far as we can, to pay as we go. Whatever steps are practicable and feasible to achieving this end the Government must and will take."—Reuter.

which were declared to be war potential material while the ship or plane was on her way to the port.

The order applies also to unloading of such cargoes at the British colony of Hongkong and the Portuguese colony of Macao.

The United States has already banned the shipment of a long list of goods as war potential.

Today's action indicated that the list would be broadened still further.

The Department said an American ship or plane could (Continued on Page 8 Col. 2)

Shirley Giving Up Movies

San Francisco, Dec. 20.

Shirley Temple, newly-married for the second time, told newsmen today that she would forsake the movies and concentrate on "being a good wife and mother."

The 22-year-old star, who married Charles Black, 31, son of a utilities company president, last Saturday, said she had been making movies for 19 years "and I feel I am getting old."

"From now on I want to be Mrs Charles Black, not Shirley Temple. My little girl, Linda Susan, needs much of me and much of both of us."—United Press.

Britain Faces New Defence Effort

London, Dec. 20.

Britain will soon have to consider increasing her rearmament programme beyond the £3,600 million provisionally allocated for the next three years, an authoritative source said here today.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, was expected to bring back plans for an accelerated defence effort from the Atlantic Council conference in Brussels.

A further increase would probably involve the direction of labour and other controls which have been lifted in Britain since 1945.

Among the controls which would certainly be imposed would be price control and there would probably be closer supervision over the allocation of raw materials (already controlled to a large extent here).

The Cabinet will probably meet during the Christmas week to discuss boosting the rearmament drive.

It was pointed out that the proposed £3,600 million expenditure on arms was never intended to be a fixed limit. (Continued on Page 8 Col. 4)

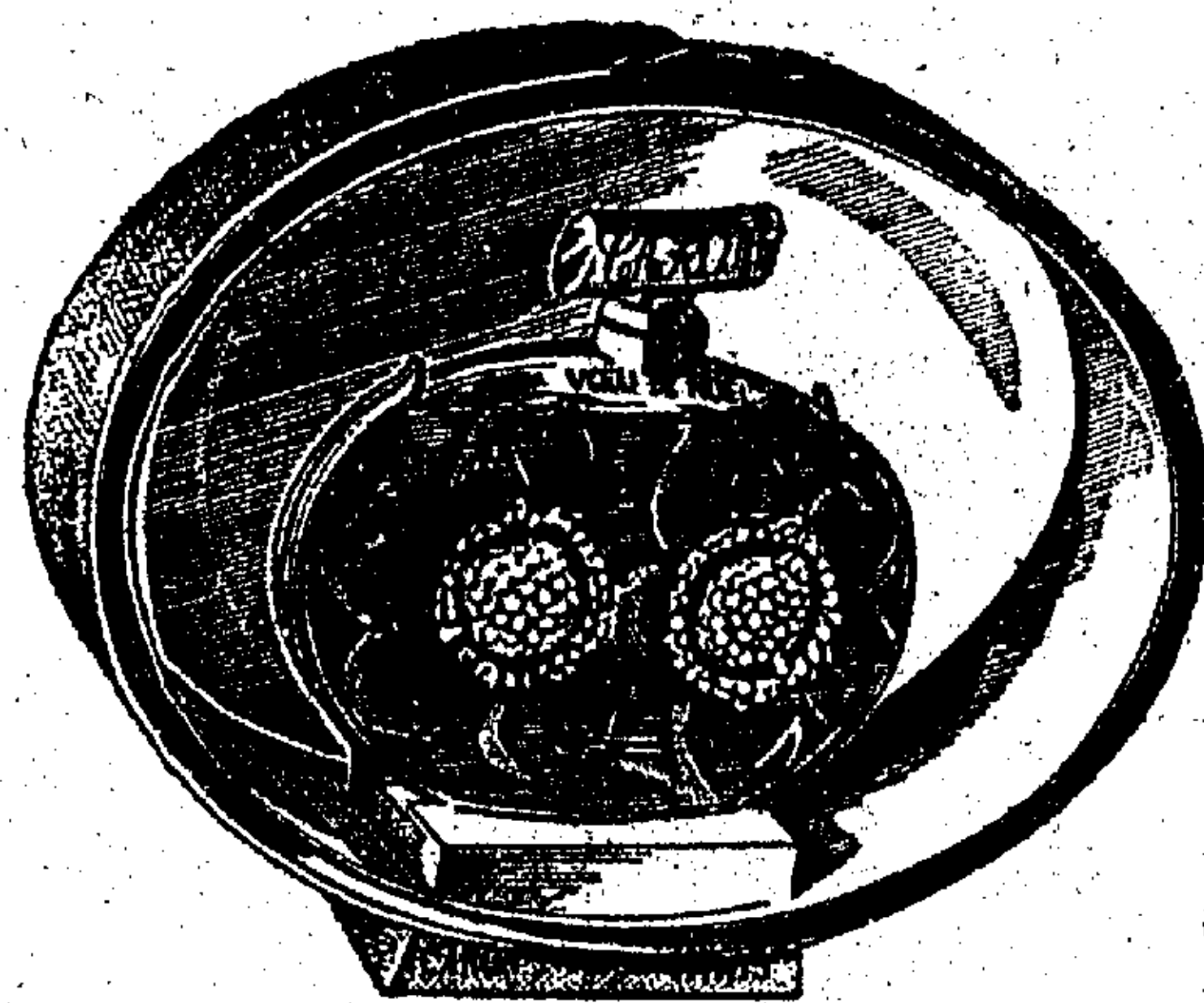
Margaret Hates Cooking

Washington, Dec. 20.

Margaret Truman, the capital's most eligible bachelor girl, let prospective husbands know today that she hates cooking and intends to continue her singing career even after marriage.

Miss Truman, said she had no serious romance at present.

"He would have to understand how much it meant to me and not mind my being away on tours and all that sort of thing," she said in discussing a possible marriage. "There aren't many men like that."—United Press.



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Marking the occasion with a statuesque pose, Peter the Great, right, the rhinoceros at the zoo in Frankfurt, Germany, seems puzzled as he stares at a newly-arrived female rhino, as yet unnamed. Since this is the first time in 100 years that two rhinos have met in a German zoo, socially-neglected Peter has every right to question what he sees.

**HUNGNAM HILL
RECAPTURED
BY AMERICANS**

Hungnam Beachhead, Dec. 20.

North Korean shock troops drove American troops off a hill overlooking Hungnam early on Tuesday. The Americans counter-attacked within an hour and retook the hill from the small but hard-charging North Korean force.

A Marine officer said an artillery barrage was being laid down on the plains and hills surrounding Hungnam.

The never-lifting wall of flying steel may have been a big reason that the Communists have not thrown a serious attack against the beachhead line since last Friday morning.

**Libya's New
Form Of
Government**

Tripoli, Dec. 20.

The United Nations Advisory Council for Libya will meet on Jan. 16 when Dr Adrian Pelt, the United Nations Commissioner, will ask for the Council's advice on the form of government of the new Libyan State and the provisional plan for the transfer of powers to it.

The Council adjourned until Jan. 16 when it met here today. Ramel Bey Selq, the Egyptian delegate to the Council, was unable, owing to illness, to report to today's meeting on his activities. He will report to the Council's next meeting.

Dr Pelt told the Council that he was leaving for Benghazi tomorrow for discussions with the Emir of Cyrenaica and leaders of the National Assembly whose President had asked for advice on many constitutional problems.

Later he intended to visit the Fezzan capital for consultation. In early January he hoped to visit the administering Government, the Italian Government, and, if possible, also Cairo, before returning to Tripoli about Jan. 15.—Reuter.

The Reds hit hard at only one position in the north-east on Tuesday night, mauling a platoon of the Third Division but failing to crack through ridge-line positions.

Carrier-based planes flew 154 sorties against the Reds massed outside the beachhead, killing an estimated 700 Reds.

Seventy-four missions were close support flights.

ATTACK EXPECTED

As the siege dragged into the second week, the Americans were still waiting for another major attack.

It is known that re-equipped North Korean troops have joined the Chinese forces near Hamhung, although not more than four divisions were believed to be within striking distance of the American lines.

So far, the United States troops have not been pushed off a single position permanently.

All ground occupied by the Chinese and North Koreans was abandoned voluntarily by the United Nations forces in their withdrawal into the tightening perimeter.—United Press.

**Sarah Churchill
On Television**

New York, Dec. 20.

Sarah Churchill, actress daughter of Mr Winston Churchill, made her colour television debut today when she gave a portion of the balcony scene from *Romeo and Juliet*. It was also Shakespeare's first colour television appearance.

The special programme was to demonstrate Columbia Broadcasting System's colour television, which is seen in New York and relayed to Philadelphia by coaxial cable.—United Press.

**Pope's Christmas
Message**

Vatican City, Dec. 20.

The Pope will broadcast his Christmas message to the world at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Vatican Radio will transmit the address on short-wave in conjunction with the Italian and Spanish networks and the Swiss radio station of Mont Ceneri.—Reuter.

**Demand By
POW
Organisation**

London, Dec. 20.

The 38,000-strong Far Eastern Prisoners of War Organisation demanded today that the Japanese peace treaty should contain a clause guaranteeing compensation for the maltreatment of war prisoners.

It said in a memorandum that the United States and Australian Government had both recognised the rights of ex-prisoners or their dependants to compensation.

Lieutenant-General A. Percival, National Chairman of the Organisation and formerly General Officer Commanding in Malaya, said, "I want to emphasise that our claim does not come on the British taxpayer. It is for contribution out of reparations to be paid by the Japanese under the peace treaty with that country out of frozen Japanese assets held over here."—Reuter.

**Excess Profits
Bill Passed**

Washington, Dec. 20.

The Senate passed by a voice vote today the \$3,200,000,000 corporation income and excess profits tax bill.

It now goes back to the House which has approved a different version. The Senate bill would increase to 47 per cent the present rate of 45 per cent on regular corporate profits. It also would levy a total tax of 47 per cent on excess profits.—United Press.

EISENHOWER'S POWERS

Final Say In European Defence Merger

Germans To Be Treated On A Footing Of Equality

Brussels, Dec. 20.

General Dwight Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of West European defence, will have the final say on the merging of Western Union and the new Atlantic Pact Organisation, decided on today by the Brussels Treaty Powers.

'SCORPION' USED HER CHARMS

Augsburg, Dec. 20.

Professor Werner Leibbrand, a psychiatrist attending the Ilse Koch murder trial, said today that Koch was like a "scorpion" who used her sexual charms to attract victims in order to torture them.

Commenting on her alleged interest in human tattoos and other parts of the human body, Professor Leibbrand, the head of a sanatorium in Bavaria, said her "fetichistic tendencies" were one more sign of her "polymorphic perversion."

"Give her a stack of men and she will broaden the keyboard of her perversions and invent new outlets," he said.

The Professor said that Koch was fully responsible for her actions now and in the past. She had an abnormal personality and was "a psychopathic case devoid of any warmth of feeling."

He had spent many weeks investigating Koch's past. Her mother had always found her very secretive. Her brother said she always had a marked tendency to social climbing and had taken great care about her speech and accepted and evidently enjoyed the ease and luxury of what she considered to be the new aristocracy of the S.S.—Reuter.

At the 10th Consultative conference today the five Foreign Ministers of the Brussels group decided that this was a logical consequence of the action taken yesterday by the 12 North Atlantic Treaty Powers.

The five Foreign Ministers—of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—in a formal statement after their talks, had announced that the Western Union Defence Organisation was to be reorganised.

A spokesman said that "the Western Union General Staff" would not go on as it was now, but there must be individual commands for each region.

"The Germans will be treated on a footing of equality as far as possible—that is the attitude of the Ministers," he said.

Asked what region Germany would be linked with in the new Atlantic Command, the spokesman said that this had not been raised "but I should not think there would be much doubt about it."

The Ministers had insisted that the defence clauses of the Brussels Treaty signed in March 1948 would not be changed, he added, backing up the Ministers' statement that reorganisation would "in no way affect the obligations which the five countries have undertaken in virtue of the Brussels Treaty."

INTERNATIONAL STAFF

General Eisenhower has already started to build up an international General Staff to assist him in the defence of Western Europe, quarters close to the Atlantic Organisation said.

Telephone calls and cables are pouring out of General Eisenhower's office, keeping him in

touch with the military men he has picked as his subordinate commanders, said the same sources.

Once he has found the men he wants the nominations will go to member governments for their approval.

General Eisenhower will have a free hand to pick the best men for the job, irrespective of nationality, said a North Atlantic spokesman.

TEDDER TIPPED

Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Lord Tedder, is most strongly tipped as second-in-command to General Eisenhower. During World War II a most effective professional partnership developed between General Eisenhower, as Supreme Commander, and Lord Tedder, his Deputy.—Reuter.

The three Western High Commissioners in Germany have been given a free hand in their negotiations with the Bonn Government on West German participation in the Atlantic Army, according to usually reliable quarters.

It is still an open question how far the Atlantic Powers' gesture of proposing to permit German tactical air support will convince West Germany that its military service in the Atlantic Army will not be of an inferior grade.—Reuter.

CALL FOR UNITY

Denver, Colorado, Dec. 20.

General Eisenhower said on Wednesday it is time to stop playing party politics with the international situation, and called on all Americans to unite in the present emergency.

The General believed "150,000,000 united Americans are so strong, they can do anything in the world."

The General said that the responsibility of any nation which undertakes global warfare must not be minimised. Without mentioning any country by name, he said in answer to a question: "If they are choosing a global war they are not showing the wisdom they have shown in the past. I see no reason for the United States to act in an atmosphere of hysterical fear," he stated.

"It is silly to be too frightened or indeed, too beligerent. A calm, determined America can get this job done." —United Press and Reuter.

MOSCOW REACTION

London, Dec. 20.

Moscow Radio's political observer said today that "the West European Governments had embarked on a direct violation of the Potsdam decisions".

The Soviet Government, he said, commenting on the Brussels meeting, "has constantly stressed that any policy renouncing the Potsdam decisions is fraught with the most serious and dangerous consequences, the responsibility for which would lie squarely on the Governments of the Western Powers." —Reuter.

15 Years For Sabotage

Berlin, Dec. 20.

The East German Supreme Court at Bernburg, Saxony-Anhalt, today sentenced four defendants in East Germany's biggest economic sabotage trial to 15 years' hard labour each.

The four are former directors of the Belgian-owned Sovay Company at Bernburg. They are August Kaste, Otto Boekelmann, Erich Pluennecke and Konrad Bluetchen.

They were found guilty of conspiracy to evade nationalisation of the works, of economic sabotage and of having smuggled industrial secrets to the West.—Reuter.

Darwin, Dec. 20.

A duck swallowed a wharf worker's 10/- note and waddled off to three other ducks in the yard.

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Arthur Sanger, 19, is demonstrating in Southampton his model of a flying saucer that really does fly. Wearing an odd hat that means he's a member of the city's Model Aeroplane Club, Sanger has built more than 200 planes but this jet-propelled, saucer-like job is his latest creation.

**Paulette's
Good-Bye**

Paulette Goddard, wearing a smart waisted costume, waves good-bye as she leaves the Gare St. Lazare for Havre to board the ss America for New York.—Central Press.

Alaska Blackout

Washington, Dec. 20. The Air Force said on Wednesday the "blackout" precautions in Alaska were ordered by the local theatre commander and do not apply to other theatres.

Alaska is an Air Force command.

A spokesman added, however, that military training in Alaska was "pretty realistic."—United Press.

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British Officers Halt South Korean Execution Of Red Prisoners

With the British troops in Korea, Dec. 20.
Two British officers today halted the execution of about 40 prisoners by South Korean military police.

The officers, who were acting under the order of the Commander of the British 29th Brigade, saved 17 from shooting. The execution was being carried out a few hundred yards from the Brigade Headquarters.

Brigadier Thomas Brodie said tonight: "I am not going to have people executed on my doorstep. My officers will stop executions in my area within view of my troops."

The two officers, who did not wish their names to be disclosed at this stage, said tonight that they saw two open motor lorries being driven through their area at about 5.30 p.m. The lorries were crowded with prisoners squatting with their heads bent. About five Korean

military police were in each vehicle.

The officers hurried to their Brigade Headquarters and returned with an interpreter.

One of the officers tonight said: "We saw nine of the prisoners being marched towards a long wide trench. We halted them and told the interpreter to tell the Korean officer in charge to stop the killing."

WOMAN SURVIVOR

"In the trench were about 23 dead—and dying."

"Through the interpreter I told the Korean officer to ensure that all were dead before filling in the grave and to get to hell out of here."

"The Korean officer was a second lieutenant of the military police. He did not seem at all pleased but did as he was told and took the survivors back to Seoul Prison."

"One of the survivors was a woman. We guessed her age to be about 14 but the Korean interpreter said that she was 21. "It was a brutal, cold-blooded execution."

ACRIMONIOUS

The other officer went to Seoul Prison.

He said tonight: "I got to the prison just before the prisoners arrived. I talked to several Korean officers in the prison office. They seemed quite upset at what they considered our interference and the conversation was pretty acrimonious."

"While we were talking, the survivors were marched into the office and made to squat on the floor. They were very thin. Their cheeks were sunken."

"I think it was quite some time since they had last been fed. A senior military officer—a Major—asked me whether it would be in order to take them back."

"A MASSACRE"

"I told him that my orders were that there would be no shooting of prisoners near the British troops or in sight of the British troops or within earshot of the British troops."

"He looked a bit glum after that."

Corporal John Newton, of 14 Gerrard Avenue, Warrington, Lancashire, said tonight that he saw the execution. Military police made the prisoners kneel in the trench in rows of three, then shot them indiscriminately.

"It was a massacre," he said. This afternoon's incident is the third time in the past few weeks that British troops have intervened in the shooting of prisoners.—Reuter.

SYRIAN CABINET WINS VOTE

Damascus, Dec. 20.

The Syrian Cabinet won an overwhelming vote of confidence tonight for its economic policy towards the Lebanon.

Earlier today it was announced that the two countries had agreed to the free exchange of agricultural products and that negotiations to extend the agreement would start next month.

This was the first such agreement between the two countries since Syria denounced her Customs Union with the Lebanon last April.—Reuter.

EGYPTIAN REQUEST ANALYSED

London, Dec. 20.

Egypt's request for repayment of her Sterling balances in arms and goods rather than in money can hardly help greatly to bridge the gap on this question. City experts considered here today.

Britain herself is much shorter of arms and strategic raw materials than of dollars. She would much rather pay out dollars than ship out such materials.

Britain can probably meet any reasonable Egyptian demands for petroleum products though by supplying oil to Egypt for Sterling, Britain would be foregoing the dollars or needed goods that she could obtain for it elsewhere.

Over most of the rest of the field if Egypt would rather have materials than money, so would Britain.

Britain has been stockpiling gold and dollars at the expense of her stockpiles of strategic materials so far from having any surpluses that she can readily send to Egypt in repayment of war debts she has acute shortages for herself and for her overseas responsibilities.

At present such things as zinc and sulphur are more precious than gold or dollars.—Reuter.

Accusation By Soviet

Moscow, Dec. 20.

The newspaper Trud, the trade union organ, today charged that the French authorities were holding 28,000 displaced Soviet citizens in camps in France, Austria and West Germany and preventing their repatriation.

At the same time, it strongly accused the authorities of slandering the Soviet Union with repeated accusations that the Soviet Union is allegedly detaining 20,000 Alsatian prisoners of war who served in the German Army. Trud asserted that the USSR had repatriated all Frenchmen—altogether 315,000 citizens, including 20,000 German ex-soldiers. It said the Soviet displaced persons in French camps were being maltreated, persecuted, incited against their homeland and threatened, and representatives of the Soviet authorities had been barred access to the camps.—United Press.

Belgian Army Increase

Brussels, Dec. 20.

The Belgian House of Representatives on Wednesday approved an increase in ground troops from some 80,000 to 150,000 by the end of 1951.

The vote was 105 for, 67 against, and 14 abstentions. The dissenting votes were cast by the Socialists and Communists. The Liberals abstained. Most of the Socialists voted against the increase on grounds that they had not been sufficiently informed on the Government's military policy.—United Press.

Men Indicted For Trafficking

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

The Public Prosecutor in Yokohama today indicted two men on charges of selling 55 young girls to entertainment houses in the course of the past two years, according to the newspaper, Tokyo Shimbun, today.

The men, both past 50 years old, were alleged to have received between 1,000 to 5,000 yen (£1 to £5) for each girl they introduced.—Reuter.

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DEFENCE OF THE AMERICAS

Washington, Dec. 20.

The Organisation of the American States Council today agreed to convoke a meeting in Washington of American Foreign Ministers to consult on hemispheric defence against the threat of Communist aggression.

The Council acted at the request of the United States. It agreed to appoint a committee to fix the exact date of the meeting, but Ambassadors on the Council in their discussions generally agreed it should be held during the last half of February.

The committee will also determine in consultations with American Governments the agenda, and will draft the regulations of the meeting.

The agenda is expected to include political, military and economic matters relating to the internal security of American countries and their protection against any attacks from abroad.—United Press.

Colour Bar Ruling By Court In US

New Orleans, Dec. 20.

The Fifth United States Circuit Court of Appeals ruled today that Birmingham, Alabama, may not restrict its residential sections on the basis of race or colour.

The Court of Appeals upheld a decision by Federal District Judge Clarence Mullins, who enjoined Birmingham from maintaining colour and race restrictions in housing.

A group of negroes had attacked Birmingham housing laws as unconstitutional.

Judge Wayne Borah said that in the Court's opinion, the 14th Amendment prevents States interference with property rights except by due process of the law. He said that property "is more than the thing which a person owns." It includes the right to live in property for lawful purposes without discriminatory regulations, he added.—United Press.

EX-MINISTER ON TRIAL

Damascus, Dec. 20.

The former Syrian Defence Minister, Ahmad Sharabati, and 13 others went on trial before a Military Court here today on charges of supporting an "Arab suicide" Falange which was accused of plotting assassinations and throwing bombs into the British and American Legations.

Last month the Syrian Military Prosecutor demanded the death penalty for two Egyptians among the accused. They are Dr Ameen Rouayha, charged with instigating the attempted assassination last October of Colonel Abid Shishkeili, the Syrian Army Chief of Staff, who a year ago led the nation's third army coup in nine months.—Reuter.

INCREASE IN US AID TO IRAN

Military Help And A Dollar Loan

Washington, Dec. 20.

United States Ambassador to Iran Henry Grady conferred with President Truman on Wednesday and afterwards said the President will personally direct a speed-up in United States economic and military assistance for Iran.

Mr Grady said this help would be in the form of a \$25,000,000 loan from the Export and Import Bank and some military aid under the general foreign assistance bill. The amount of the latter was not a public figure, but last year amounted to \$12,000,000.

FRONTIER POSTS ON THE ALERT

Teheran, Dec. 20.

All gala celebrations and parties, except the reception prepared for the wedding of the Shah of Persia next week, have been cancelled in view of the international situation, a Government spokesman stated today.

The Prime Minister said that frontier posts had been alerted. Although Persia did not wish to take part in any war, she would defend her frontiers if attacked. The world was nearer war than ever, he said, and he appealed for unity.

The Shah, Mohammed-Reza Pahlavi, is to marry Miss Soraya Esfandiari, daughter of a Persian dignitary and a German mother, on Dec. 27. But the wedding may have to be postponed.

The bride-to-be, who has just recovered from a typhoid attack, was said to be ill again today with a high temperature.

The Shah has ordered all funds for wedding gifts from the Persian people to be deposited in a special account opened in the Persian National Bank.—Reuter.

\$20,000 Million Defence Bill

Washington, Dec. 20.

A Defence Appropriation Bill carrying more than \$20,000 million to speed up mobilisation efforts was sent to the Senate today by its Appropriations Committee.

The Senate group added more than \$2,000 million to the funds voted by the House of Representatives after appeals by President Truman and Defence leaders for additional steps to strengthen the armed forces.

The largest increase was \$1,834,911,000 for stockpiling of strategic and vital materials for the preparedness programme.—Reuter.

Mr Grady said action on both these projects had been rather slow, and the main purpose of his trip to Washington was to speed up activity.

He would return on Thursday to his post, satisfied that he had obtained assurances on this point.

He added, economic assistance for Iran is being negotiated with the International Bank and he was hopeful of some action from the Bank.

He pointed out this is not an agency of the United States Government and that therefore Washington officials alone could not decide what the Bank will do. Other assistance was being granted under the "Point Four" programme. This form of aid is farther along in Iran than in any other country.

FRIENDLY TO WEST

The Ambassador discounted recent reports of a pro-Soviet swing in Iran, saying while there might be a current swing of the pendulum in that direction, the people of Iran, from the Shah down, are basically friendly to the West.

He said: "Of course, they have opposition, but the people of the country as a whole are definitely sympathetic with the Western democratic countries." The fact that Iran borders on Russia makes it necessary to adopt a policy of neutrality and more or less friendliness, but this does not mean enmity for democratic countries.

Any recent tendency toward friendlier relations with the Soviet Union might be due to the Moscow Government taking a more conciliatory attitude toward Iran recently. He cited the trade pact by which Russia undertook to buy some surplus agricultural products from northern Iran and also set up a boundary commission to deal with some points where the Soviet Union bulges into Iran.

The Ambassador expected the formal signing of the \$25,000,000 Export and Import Bank credit for Iran within a few days. He expects to be back in Teheran on Dec. 23, flying by way of the Netherlands.—United Press.

FLEET ARRIVES

Naples, Dec. 20.

The United States cruiser Newport News with seven destroyers, two minelayers and two submarines of the Mediterranean Fleet arrived here today to spend Christmas and the New Year.—Reuter.



Miss Thailand for the year 2493 in the Buddhist Calendar (1950 to you) was elected after a keen competition in Bangkok recently. Shown in centre after being crowned is Miss En-boone, with the four runners-up.

Egyptian Premier's Version Of Talks With Britain

Cairo, Dec. 20.

The Egyptian Prime Minister, Nahas Pasha, today summed up the progress in the current Anglo-Egyptian political talks in London as an agreement reached on broad principles and continuing negotiations on details and the application of these principles.

In an interview with Reuters he said that the talks—concerned with the evacuation of British troops and the political future of the Sudan—between his Foreign Minister, Salah El Din Bey, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, had resulted in a real rapprochement of the viewpoints between the two Governments.

He was convinced that the present conversations were inspired by sincere goodwill on both sides and that they were on the right road to a settlement acceptable to both parties.

The Prime Minister declined to disclose what the details or the applications referred to were or whether they involved an international as opposed to a bilateral formula for approaching the security problem represented by the defence of Egypt.

Nahas Pasha repeatedly emphasised his conviction that the Egyptian people must be convinced that they were being assisted in security of their own defence as opposed to the idea that they were merely being used as a convenient part of the defence of others.

This, he stated, could best be achieved by a supply of materials for self-defence.

FINANCIAL ANGLE

Commenting on the Anglo-Egyptian financial talks in London, Nahas Pasha said that he had instructed the Egyptian delegates to press for the repayment of Egypt's £300 million sterling balances in gold, goods and petroleum products, which would otherwise have to be paid for in dollars.

He admitted that a considerable gap still separated the negotiators but hoped that with good will and understanding this could be successfully narrowed down.

Informed diplomatic sources here continue to canvas some formula for linking up Egypt, or members of the Arab League, with the defence plans of the North Atlantic Treaty Powers as the most promising formula for removing the Anglo-Egyptian deadlock on the role of British troops in the defence of Egypt.

Egypt, they point out, is ready to give assurances of co-operation with Britain and her Allies in the event of a war.—Reuter.

US Civil Defence Plan Approved

Washington, Dec. 20.

The House of Representatives today approved a master plan for civil defence designed to prepare America to deal with the dangers and problems of atomic attack. The plan goes next to the Senate.

The legislation would establish a Federal civil defence administration to direct a preparedness programme expected to cost \$1,000,000,000 over a three-year period.

During debate in the House references were made to the possibility of Russia bombing American industrial cities in the event of war.—Reuter.

DEATH OF MALTESE PREMIER

Valetta, Malta, Dec. 20.

An emergency meeting of the Maltese Cabinet was called today after the death of the 65-year-old Prime Minister, Dr Enrico Mizzi.

Later Dr George Olivier, a Cabinet Minister, called on the Governor, Sir Gerald Cressy, and it was considered likely that he would succeed Dr Mizzi. Dr Olivier is Minister of Works, Reconstruction and Education.

Crowds of people, including members of the Legislative Assembly, paid their last respects today to the Prime Minister, whose body lay in state.

Dr Mizzi, who died early this morning, had been working in bed until last night.—Reuter.

NANCY

From Past Brushes?

By Ernie Bushmiller



Australian Tennis Training Methods Worth Emulating

Says VISCOUNT TEMPLEWOOD

London, Dec. 20.

A call to British lawn tennis to emulate Australian training methods was made here by Viscount Templewood, the President of the British Lawn Tennis Association.

Addressing the Association's annual general meeting, he declared that there were two main factors in Australia's Davis Cup triumph over the United States.

They were the years of intensive training and the aggressive quality of their play. "It was their attack that beat the Americans on their own tactics," he said. "I suggest that it is upon these two factors that we need to concentrate in Britain."

Viscount Templewood disclosed that more than 2,000 trained teachers were now regularly teaching lawn tennis in schools and clubs throughout Britain.

"I am convinced that we shall see increasing good results from this wide effort to improve the general standard of tennis teaching and to extend the game to every class in the community," said the LTA President. —Reuter.

LARSEN OPTIMISTIC

Sydney.

Art Larsen, the American tennis champion, thinks that the United States can win back the Davis Cup next year. Besides himself, America has two other singles players, Budge Patty and Herbie Flam, who should beat Australia's Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor, he said.

"I think the Cup would have still been ours if Patty had played," he said. —Reuter.

Eispionsa Beats Rosario For Orient Title

Manila, Dec. 20.

Bonnie Eispionsa of the Philippines won the Oriental Featherweight Championship from Tirso Del Rosario of Manila on Wednesday when he scored a fifth-round knockout in a scheduled 10-round bout.

Eispionsa, weighing 124 pounds, floored Rosario twice in the third round but there was no count on both occasions.

It was a return match after Rosario won an unpopular decision in the first title fight. —United Press.

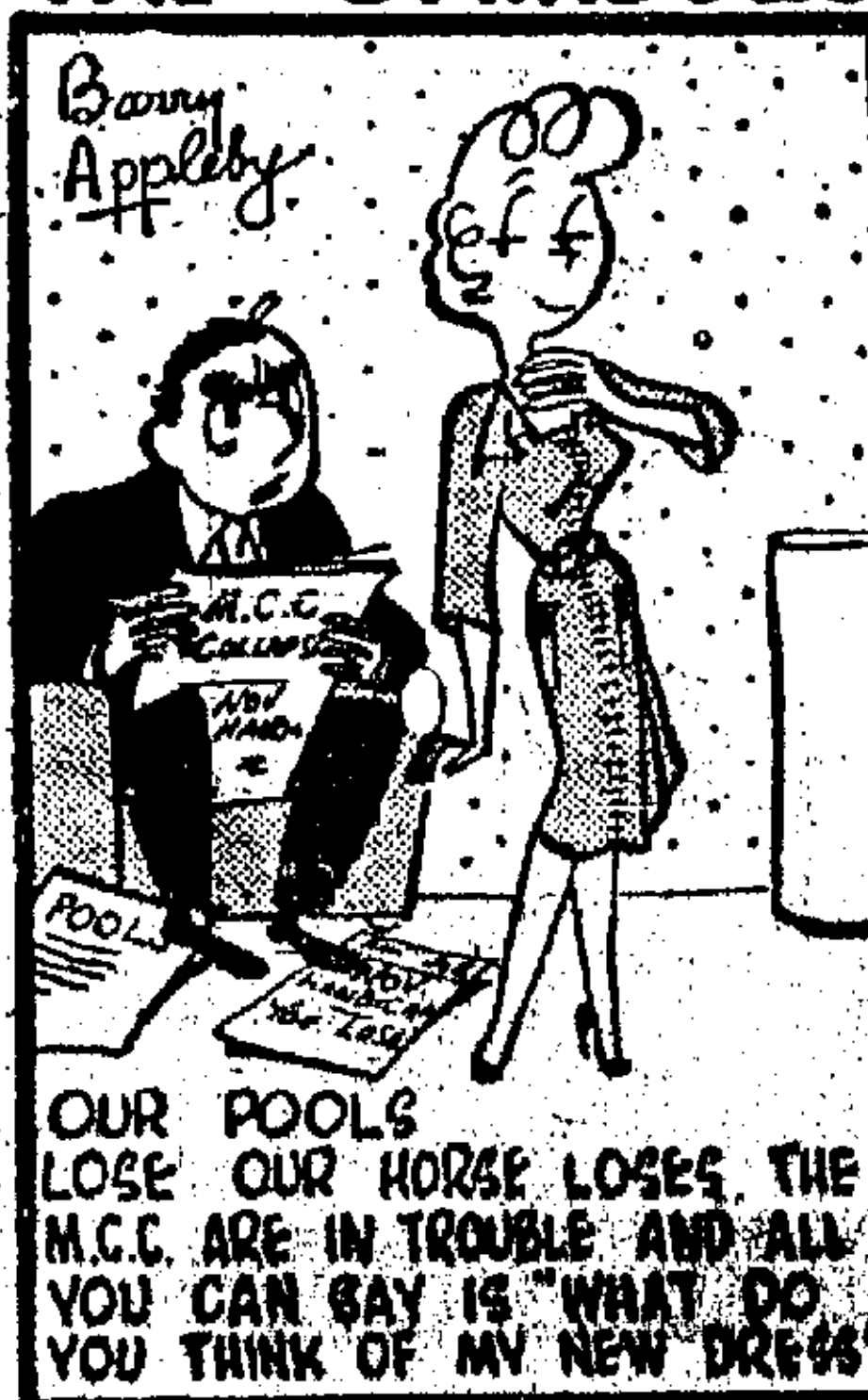
Rugger Results

London, Dec. 20.

The following were the results of Rugby Union County Championship games played today: Hampshire 3, Kent 3 (played at Southampton).

Middlesex 6, Surrey 5 (played at Richmond). —Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS



ARSENAL DEFENCE ALL AT SEA



From a corner by Mathews (Blackpool), Swindon, for Smith, the Arsenal left-back, to head the ball against his own goalpost, to rebound into play, while Mercer, the Arsenal Captain and left-half, guards the goal. The match, at Highbury, was drawn 4-4. Mortensen, the Blackpool centre-forward, also misses.

A PHOTOGRAPHER'S EXPOSURE METER COULD DECIDE POOR LIGHT APPEALS IN CRICKET

Says RAYMOND GLENDENNING

There is little doubt in my mind that England lost the first Test at Brisbane during the last hour's play of the third day when, despite appeals, play continued in dubious light.

What a different prospect we should have had if on the final morning seven wickets had been standing instead of only four.

Quite a few reporters and critics thought the light so bad that play should have been halted earlier.

And this prompts the thought that the umpires' job—always arduous—is made even more unenviable by the burden of deciding just when play should finish.

NO GUIDANCE

On every other point they get specific guidance from the Rule Book. On this most vital point their decision must always be subject to question. Yet all their verdicts could so easily be based on a cut and dried scientific formula over which there could be no argument.

All we would have to do is to equip each umpire with an exposure meter such as photographers use to determine the exact strength of the light.

It shouldn't be difficult for the MCC and Australian Board of Control to get together and decide on a light strength, below which play should not continue.

This having been marked on the meter, the umpire would merely walk to the batsman's position and at arm's length point the meter up the wicket towards the bowler and let the needle decide accordingly.

This method—fool-proof as I see it—could operate in all countries, and under all conditions.

BETTING INFLUENCE

Does betting really affect soccer performances? Up to two days ago I'd have said no but after hearing an argument between Jack Crump—in his capacity as a Chelsea fan and not AAA team manager—and Dally Duncan, Luton Town manager, I'm not so sure.

Dally naturally stood up for his players and even if some of them, despite the laws, do have a flutter "in the wife's name" British professional soccer is completely free from "cooked results."

Jack Crump pointed out the average spectator's view. "If," he says, "you have your home team down as a banker and at halftime they go in two down you'll find that during the rest of the game players are being unfairly barracked by people talking through their pockets."

One Man Against The Field To Save Track Cycling

There's one game which has had a better chance than any other since the war of putting itself into the position of a front-line spectator sport in England. I'm referring to track cycling, which happens to be blessed with a real world champion.

Yet, right now, far from going forward, there are moves afoot which could tear it apart and park it amongst the also-ran pastimes for good and all. Herne Hill track, the London show-place of the sport, has cracked so badly that the least that will be necessary to ensure racing there next summer will be complete resurfacing.

It's five years since it had a new top dressing and, while all serious-minded cyclists are concerned about it, I feel that their worry would not have been half so great had the NCU informed them that at the time it was relaid the contractors actually said it wouldn't last more than five years.

WILL TAKE CHEAPEST

I can tell you that estimates are being sought for patching resurfacing or the complete relaying of the track, and that they will be considered this week. But while the cheapest of the three courses is the one most likely to be adopted, followed by a complete rebuilding 12 months hence, there's a growing body of opinion in the provinces which feels that any money spent on Herne Hill is wasted.

A chorus of protest is anticipated from the Manchester, Liverpool and North Lancashire centres of the NCU because they feel that the Fallowfield, Coventry, Derby and Halesowen tracks should get what money is going for improvements.

Some of them go so far as to say that Herne Hill is a "white

elephant" and that they couldn't care less if the NCU gave up the lease and called it a day. That, to me, is sheer provincial stupidity, and if they were to press their case to a successful conclusion they would be sounding the death-knell of track cycling at a time when there are more registered riders than ever before.

In my view, it is fortunate that the president of the NCU at this time is a provincial man, Manchester's Bert Anderson, so that he hears just what is being said. It's equally fortunate that he happens to be anything but provincial minded.

In Olympics year he proved that he would never accept "No" for an answer when it should be "Yes." I know him well enough to feel confident that he will do so again, and that, regardless of the opposition, he will drive through to his ultimate objective—a Herne Hill as a real cycling show-piece. It would probably cost £25,000, but if Bert Anderson struck in that direction I'd back him against the field.

— HAROLD MAYES

Commonwealth Forced To Fight For Every Run

Calcutta, Dec. 20.

More than 20,000 people watched India's young aspirants for big honours—an Indian Universities XI—make the Commonwealth cricketers fight for every run today.

The tourists, when stumps were drawn, had scored 265 runs for the loss of five wickets.

Heavy dew had softened the Eden Garden's wicket, but it played dry throughout the day, apart from short periods before and after lunch, when an occasional ball popped up.

Nevertheless, the Commonwealth were never fully at home and many of the runs came off the edge of the bat.

Only when Leslie Ames was at the wicket later in the day did the bat really master the ball.

The Universities lacked variety in their attack, and there was no genuine leg-spinner. Most of the others sent down medium-paced deliveries and Irani, the captain, probably handicapped by having to ring the changes frequently, shifted the bowlers from end to end. —Reuter.

Sheffield Shield Victory For W. Australia

Perth, Dec. 20.

Western Australia won their Sheffield Shield cricket match against Queensland here today by 19 runs.

Spectators saw a thrilling last half hour, when Queensland, needing 229 runs in their second innings to win, were dismissed for 209 runs with 16 minutes left.

The final scoreboard read: Western Australia 257 and 260. Queensland 289 and 209.

Western Australia, former winner of the Shield, added 22 runs to their overnight score of 238 runs for eight wickets but the key men in their victory were Price, the fast left-hand bowler, who claimed five wickets for 49 runs in Queensland's second knock, and MacGill, who ably supported Price with four wickets for 55 runs. —Reuter.

The Churchill Story: 8th Instalment HE DEFIED HIS PARTY

By Colin Frame

ON May 31, 1904, little more than three years after his entry to Parliament as the blue-eyed boy of the Conservative Party, Winston Churchill crossed the floor of the House and took his seat as a Liberal.

Those three years had been a time of battle and attack, waged by him with increasing confidence that he was right and with increasingly courageous impudence, too.

Like his father before him, he found himself unable to toe the party line. He felt that loyalty to his own ideas far outweighed any other loyalty the House demanded.

He disliked the way the Conservatives prosecuted the South African war. He disliked their extravagance.

Most of all he disliked their shilly-shallying between the two policies of Free Trade and Imperial Preference.

War Prophet

WITH dramatic, almost fool-hardy courage Churchill made his third speech as a Conservative—an attack on Service expenditure—the very matter over which his father had resigned, never to regain power.

This attack had its piquant points. It had almost the elements of a family vendetta.

At the time Lord Randolph resigned, Mr St John Brodrick (afterwards Lord Middleton) was Under-Secretary of State for War, one of the men whose refusal to cut expenditure had caused Lord Randolph's resignation.

Now Mr Brodrick was War Minister.

Against his proposal to organise six new army corps Churchill put down an amendment.

Bitterly he spoke of "the costly, trumpery and dangerous military playthings on which the Secretary of State for War has set his heart."

Prophetically he declared that "A European war can only end in the ruin of the vanquished and the scarcely less fatal commercial dislocation and exhaustion of the conquerors." (This was in 1901—no mean prophecy for a man of 26.)

Heroically he tore to shreds the Conservative arguments in favour of bigger military expenditure.

Loyally, at any rate to his father, he cried, "Wise words stand the test of time and I am glad that the House has allowed me after an interval of fifteen years to lift again the tattered flag of retrenchment and economy—the tattered flag I found lying on a stricken field."

Mutiny

THIS speech, so abruptly antagonistic to the leaders of his own party, might easily have laid Churchill low at the outset of his political career.

It was deliberate mutiny. He took, he says, six weeks preparing it. He learnt it by heart. And he sent a copy of it off to his old paper "The Morning Post," before he delivered it.

Liberals, of course cheered him to the echo. "Peace, Retrenchment and Reform" was a Gladstone slogan and they never thought to hear it on the lips of a Conservative.

Most Conservatives were furious. Some of them suggested he should cross the floor at once.

In the long run Churchill was the victor. His father was avenged. The proposal to increase the Army was eventually dropped. Mr Brodrick went to the India Office which could hardly be regarded as promotion.

Meanwhile, "I drifted steadily to the left," wrote Churchill in "My Early Life."

He became, just as his father had done in his early days, a member of a Conservative ginger group.

He was their most powerful spokesman, chipping as often at the Prime Minister, Mr Balfour, as at the Opposition.

They were called the Hughligans, after Lord Hugh Cecil,

another member and Churchill's close friend.

But these fireworks—manufactured at his new flat in Mount-street, Mayfair, furnished with his father's writing table (which he still has at Chartwell) and decorated with cartoons of his father and prints of old cavalry battles—were damp squibs in comparison with a Churchillian rocket which soared into the political sky two years later.

Tories Split

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, apostle of Imperial Preference, touched it off by a speech in Birmingham, his home ground.

From that moment the Conservative Party, many of whom were Free Traders, was irrevocably split.

Between the two factions Mr Balfour sat uncomfortably on the fence and tried to keep the peace, while the Liberals cheered from the sidelines.

This disarming neutrality infuriated young Churchill. He could understand Imperial Preference arguments. He was vehemently for Free Trade himself. What he could not stomach was his Leader's non-committal tact.

"Winnie" and "Joe"

HE began a Free Trade campaign which was as cheeky as it was untiringly pressed home.

Wherever Joe Chamberlain stood in Britain to proclaim his new policy of Tariff Reform, Winston Churchill, usually accompanied by Lord Hugh Cecil, booked a hall and spoke against it.

"Winnie" rampaging the country after "Joe" became the joke of the summer.

If the Birmingham challenge went unanswered he felt there would arise a new type of Tory Party "rigid, materialist, and secular, whose opinions will turn on tariffs and who will cause the Lobbies to be crowded with the touts of protected industries."

He even went to battle in the enemy's stronghold, Birmingham.

A hostile crowd in near-lynching mood awaited him. They were in the same sort of mood as that which had driven Lloyd George as a pro-Boer to leave his meeting disguised as a policeman.

But Churchill in a tense scene described by his biographer Hugh Martin drove merrily up in an open landau. He smiled, nodded and waved cheerily. He refused a police suggestion that he should slip in by a side door.

The ugly murmur of the crowd changed to laughs and cheers. They had to admire his pluck. He got a good hearing.

Open-Air Meeting

HOWEVER, his campaign did him no good among the Conservatives in his own constituency. He found one of the clubs there locked against him. So he held a meeting outside it in pouring rain.

At this point Mr Balfour missed making a gesture which might have changed the Churchill story out of all recognition. He might, as he reshuffled his Government, have made Churchill a Minister.

Two people who certainly thought so were F. E. Smith (Lord Birkenhead) and Joe Chamberlain.

"A young thoroughbred in the hands of a thick-witted and clumsy rider," was Birkenhead's comment on Churchill at this stage, and Chamberlain told Margot Asquith that "Winston is the cleverest of all the young men and the mistake Arthur made was to let him go."

If Arthur Balfour had offered Churchill office it might have appealed so much to the young, zealous and ambitious politician that some compromise on Tariff Reform could have been reached within his party.

Burned His Boats

ACCEPTANCE would almost certainly have meant that

Winston Churchill would have been Prime Minister in 1922, eighteen years before he was called to that office.

Instead, Churchill was ignored. Worse, he was deliberately insulted—and was in turn insulting.

One day Balfour walked out of the House as he rose to speak. Most of his party, 250 of them, walked out, too.

Balfour did the same on other occasions. "The right honourable gentleman need not run away—I am not going to attack him today," flashed Churchill.

His speeches were often interrupted, and those of his friends. "I am unable to hear what my honourable friend is saying," he declared on a point of order, "because of the vulgar clamour maintained by the Conservative Party."

"Queens never abdicate" was another of his sneers at Balfour and his non-committal policy.

Churchill finally burned his Conservative boats in this his first Parliament by writing to the Liberal candidate at a by-election to wish him well.

Almost at the same time he ended a speech at Halifax with "Thank God we have a Liberal Party."

Disowned

AT Oldham the Conservative Association disowned him. Churchill replied that they were in fact merely disowning their own avowed principles.

He sat on for another two years as their member, and since Oldham was in any case primarily Liberal it is likely he enjoyed the confidence of most of the voters.

To Liberals in the Free Trade Hall in Manchester, Churchill made his last public speech for many years as an official Conservative. It was to be 20 years before he again acknowledged a Conservative label.

This speech, so graceful in style, so packed with epigram and wit, was a noble forebear of his great speeches 40 years later. He said:

"We want a Government that will think a little more about the toiler at the bottom of the mine and a little less about the fluctuations of the share market in London."

"We want a Government which, instead of looking mainly abroad will look mainly, if not I think entirely, at home."

"We want a Government and a policy which will think the condition of a slum in an English city is not less worthy of the attention of statesmen and of Parliament than the jungle of Somaliland."

He snarled at the new Protectionists. "We know perfectly well what to expect—a party of vested interests banded together in a formidable federation; corruption at home, aggression to cover it up abroad; the trickery of tariff juggles, the tyranny of a party machine; sentiment by the bucketful, patriotism by the imperial pint; the open hand at the public exchequer, the open door at the public house; cheap labour for the millionaire."

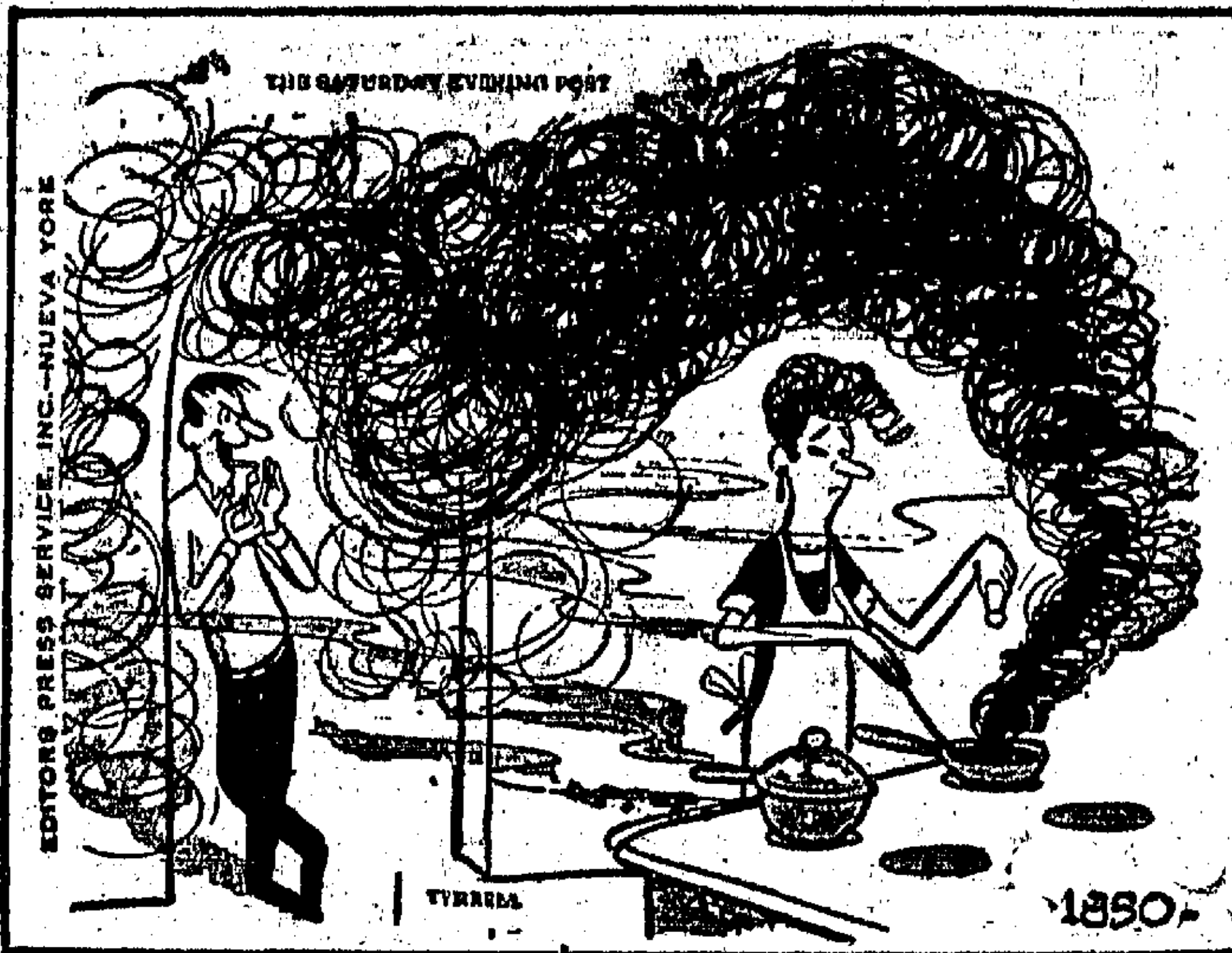
Then came the peroration which, after all these years, rings like a clarion:

A Liberal

"OUR movements are towards a better, fairer, organisation of society; and our faith is strong and high that the time will surely come—and will come the sooner for our efforts—when the dull grey clouds under which millions of our fellow men are monotonously toiling will break and melt and vanish for ever in the sunshine of a new and nobler age."

How many times have Britons thrilled since to such resounding words and caught through them a glimpse of the New Jerusalem?

A fortnight later he entered the House, gazed steadily for a few seconds at his old colleagues and sat with the Liberals for the first time.



"Mind if I smoke?"

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Union Officials Demand US Price & Rent Controls

Washington, Dec. 20.

Top union officials told President Truman today that food prices and rents must be controlled effectively before any move is made to stabilise wages.

These officials said compensatory wage increases must be permitted as long as food prices and rents are subject to sharp and drastic increases, because these two items together represent 53 percent of the average family's living costs.

Furthermore, they said, wage stabilisation must not become wage freezing.

The union chiefs, headed by CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Greene, in a statement issued after a 40-minute conference with President Truman, also:

(1) Called for an independent wage stabilisation board whose decisions would not be subject to review by the Economic Stabilisation Agency;

(2) demanded that Government policy recognise existing collective bargaining agreements which contain cost of living escalator clauses, or face the threat of industrial unfitness;

EFFECTIVE BARRIER

(3) urged prompt amendment of the Defence Produc-

tion of 1950, so that food prices and rents may be controlled effectively. The union officials said the Act, which authorises price controls, does not provide rent controls which are handled in separate legislation, and permits food price increases. They said the present prohibitions upon control of food prices and rents are an effective barrier to any system of price or wage controls, and an elimination of these prohibitions is a preliminary to any workable stabilisation action.

The officials did not reveal Mr Truman's reaction to their proposals, but said they were issuing their statement with the President's permission.

The union chiefs met with Mr Truman as the Wage Stabilisation Board opened a hearing with union and management representatives of the automobile industry to work out problems stemming from the price rollback ordered for that industry.—United Press.

RENT CONTROLS

Washington, Dec. 20.

President Truman today signed legislation extending rent controls to March 31 next.

The 90-day extension was voted by Congress at his request to give the incoming Congress time to review the national housing picture in the light of changed conditions created by the defence emergency.

Without the stop-gap extension rent controls would have ended on Dec. 31 except in communities taking special action to retain them until June 30.—Reuter.

Wheat Forecast

Washington, Dec. 20.

The Department of Agriculture estimated the 1950-1951 winter wheat crop at 899,096,000 bushels. That is 146,430,000 bushels more than the relatively short crop of 752,666,000 in 1949-1950. The estimate, based on acreage planted, current crop and weather conditions, is the first official forecast for the crop planted this winter and to be harvested next year.—United Press.

STANDARD BRIDGE

By M. Harrison-Gray

Dealer: South

Game all

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♠ 10 3	♠ K Q J	♠ 10 8 7 5	♠ Q 8 2
♥ 9 8 4 2	♥ A K 6	♥ 4 3	♥ 7
♦ A Q	♦ J 9 4	♦ A K J 10 7 5	♦ 6

This hand produced a swing in a match that might have been even greater. In both rooms South opened One Club and North bid Two Clubs. The first South jumped to Five Clubs—too ambitious, although a game bid would be justified if his suit was a major.

West led ♠ K, on which East played ♠ 3. Best defence holds South to eight tricks, but West failed to notice that ♠ 2 was missing from the first trick. He switched to ♠ 4 and South escaped with one down.

In Room 2 South bid Two Diamonds over North's Two Clubs obtaining a response of Two Hearts that enabled him to bid a cast-iron Three No-Trumps. North's second call was safe enough, with a biddable Heart suit he would have bid One Heart over One Club.

London Express Service

HERBERT HOOVER'S WARNING

War In Korea Lost: Danger Of A Disunited Europe

"United States' First Duty Is To Save Itself"

New York, Dec. 20.

Former president Herbert Hoover said last night that the United States has lost the war in Korea, and warned that an attempt to defend disunited Europe would mean "inviting another Korea."

Mr Hoover said the first duty of the United States is to save itself. "We shall not fail in this," he said, "even if we have to stand alone."

The ex-President said: "Before we land another man or dollar on their shores, the United States should wait to see if the nations of Europe can marshal enough strength to defend themselves. 'Otherwise we shall be inviting another Korea,' he said in a nation-wide radio speech.

The war in Korea was already lost because "even if we could sacrifice more American boys to maintain a foothold on the peninsula, we know we shall not succeed at the present time in the mission given to us by 50 members of the United Nations."

He proposed that the United States make its own shores secure. China, India or Eastern Europe would become "graveyards of millions of American boys if the United States attempted to fight Communist armies there."

Mr Hoover warned that present financial policies may lead to inflation and economic disaster in the United States. The American people had to face these ugly facts:

"It is obvious that the United Nations have been defeated in Korea by the aggression of Communist China. There are no adequate forces in the world to repel them. Any attempt to make war on the Communist mass on land by invasion through the quicksands of China, India or Western Europe is sheer folly. The arms of the West could never reach Moscow."

BOMB NOT DOMINANT

"We Americans should use sea and air power to control the Atlantic and Pacific oceans so as to prevent an invasion of the Western hemisphere by Communist armies. They can no more reach Washington in force than we can reach Moscow. The atomic bomb is a far less dominant weapon than it was once thought to be." He did not elaborate on the reference to the bomb.

Mr Hoover said that even without Europe, Americans need have no cause for hysteria about the future or security if the nation follows his suggestions and arms its air and naval forces to the teeth.

Mr Hoover said: "The foundation of our national policies must be to preserve for the world this Western Hemisphere as a Gibraltar of Western civilisation... We can, without doubt, with our own air and naval forces hold the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, with one frontier on Britain (if she wishes to co-operate) and the other on Japan, Formosa and the Philippines... To do this we should arm our air and naval forces to the teeth."

TEST FOR EUROPE

Mr Hoover added: "We can continue to aid the hungry of the world. Out of our productivity we can give arms to other nations when they have already displayed spirit and strength in defence against Communism."

Western Europe must defend itself. "The test is whether they have the spiritual force and will and acceptance of unity among them by their own volition."

The United States had tried with unparalleled effort and sacrifice to achieve European unity, but so far had failed.

"Western Europe, to warrant further aid, must express itself in organized and equipped

combat divisions of such huge numbers as will hold erect a sure dam against the Red flood."—United Press.

REACTION IN CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 20.

Leading Republican Senators tonight endorsed ex-President Herbert Hoover's proposal that the United States concentrate on air defence of the Western Hemisphere. However, a high American diplomatic official, who refused to be quoted by name, said the United States would be inviting a Russian attack if it followed Mr Hoover's advice to hold up troop and dollar aid to Western Europe until it could defend itself.

The Administration spokesman said the net effect of such an American stand would be to deter rather than speed up Western Europe's determination to raise an effective defence force under General Eisenhower.—United Press.

Canada Lifts Export Ban

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proceed to "restricted" ports but penalties would be applied to the owner and his agents if banned goods were unloaded there.—Reuter.

RUSSIA'S EXPORTS

Washington, Dec. 20.

Soviet Russia has increased her exports to the United States of manganese and chrome ore—vital strategic materials—since the start of the Korean war, an official said today.

Commerce Department officials said they could not explain the Soviet motive, but some thought Russia's need for dollars overrode all other considerations.

The total value of the imports from Russia in October dropped to \$2,100,000, according to figures issued by the Department today. But the value of manganese and chrome ore was only \$300,000 below the September figure of \$1,300,000.

American exports to Russia were so small that they were not officially listed.—Reuter.

CLAIMS GANG WAS A MYTH

Chicago, Dec. 20.

Ralph "Bottles" Capone, brother of the late "Scarface Al", testified today that the so-called "Capone gang" was a myth.

There never was such a gang, he told the Senate crime-investigating committee, and he himself was only an innocent gun collector.

When Capone left the witness stand, he was taken into custody by the Chicago police, who said they wanted to "take his picture" and see if he had been up to anything illegal.—United Press.

Pétain May Be Released

Paris, Dec. 20.

An informed source said today that Marshal Henri Pétain, who headed the Vichy regime during World War II, might be freed from prison within a few days.

Reports followed a denial by the French High Court of Appeal to grant Pétain a new trial. The 94-year-old "Hero of Verdun" in World War I has been imprisoned on the Ile d'Yeu since he was convicted of treason shortly after the end of the war.—United Press.

AUTHORESS BLAMES AMERICA

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

The famous American authoress, Pearl Buck, blamed the United States for Communist China's entry into the Korean war in an interview granted in New York to a Japanese newspaperman.

Kimpei Shiba, managing editor of Tokyo's English-language Nippon Times, reported in today's edition of Harper's that Pearl Buck stated that the United States, "in ignorance of other people, has cost us billions of dollars and much blood, which could have been saved if we had devoted more time to studying world affairs...."

"We have telescoped a thousand years into 250. We did not have the experience to handle this situation, which has been suddenly thrust upon us."

"We are as fit to tackle it as a 15-year-old boy would a grown-up's problems," Pearl Buck was reported to have said. She said that despite the American delegate to the Security Council, Mr Warren Austin's charge that the Chinese Communist envoy, General Wu Hsiu-chuan's Security Council speech revealed "a lack of contact with reality," the speech contained "a good deal of truth in it."

"We are immature in diplomacy and we do not know Asia," Pearl Buck told the Japanese editor.—Reuter.

Czech Exile Committee

Bonn, Dec. 20.

The establishment of a committee for Czech and Sudeten German exiles was announced here today.

General Laine Pachala of the London-Czech National Committee is the chief Czech representative and Dr Lodgman von Ruen, chief Sudeten representative.

At a Press conference the General claimed that over half of all Czechs at home and in exile would support him.

According to the Committee, there are over 2,000,000 Sudeten Germans in exile in Germany, 600,000 of whom are in the Soviet zone.—Reuter.



Bearded for the part he is playing in his new film, and with long cigar in mouth, Orson Welles, former husband of Rita Hayworth, holds out his hand while measurements are taken by technicians of the Chirotheque Francaise for an impression to be made of his hands.—Central Press.

New Defence Effort

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Indications were that it would be "markedly increased," the source said.

At present Britain's arms drive was in a preliminary stage and it might not be possible immediately to spend very much more than originally planned.

An increase in the overall figure would mean that further preparations were being made for greater production later on.

The Government are fully aware of the hardships which will be imposed on the country by the imposing of the controls to speed up the rearmament drive.

The Government, however, are determined to give General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, every possible assistance in building up the Atlantic Pact forces.

There is a strong feeling in Government circles here that now that Britain has apparently emerged from her major economic difficulties she should play a more leading role in world affairs.

This would involve putting her point of view more strongly in policy-making conferences and backing up decisions of those conferences with all the means in her power.—Reuter.

GENERAL WU IN PRAGUE

Prague, Dec. 20.

General Wu Hsiu-chuan and the other members of the Chinese Communist delegation to Lake Success arrived here tonight from London, on their way back to Peking.

They were welcomed by Mr Zdenik Fierlinger, Czech Vice-Premier, and the Chinese Ambassador to Prague.

The delegation was expected to spend a day or two here.—Reuter.

Canadian Force For Britain?

Ottawa, Dec. 20.

Canadians would not be surprised if the Dominion's special army force, 10,000 strong, and three R.C.A.F. fighter squadrons were on guard in Britain and on the Continent next year, the Canadian Press said today.—Reuter.

New Law Against "Warmongers"

Prague, Dec. 20.

The Czechoslovak National Assembly on Wednesday unanimously approved a law "for the defence of peace" providing prison terms ranging from one to 27 years for all "warmongers."

Similar laws have already been passed in Eastern Germany and other Soviet orbit nations.

The Czech law will punish persons "attempting to disrupt the peaceful co-existence of nations by inciting to war and propagating or supporting war propaganda."—United Press.

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